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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE THE 2012 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALL DISTRICTS (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approve the 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program budget in the amount of \$1,135,300 for the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Approve the 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program budget in the amount of \$1,135,300 to continue crime prevention and control programs in the County of Los Angeles (Attachment I).
- 2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to execute, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, any contracts or actions necessary to amend, create, or extend any programs necessary to achieve the goals of the Justice Assistance Grant programs.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Los Angeles (City) and County of Los Angeles (County) agreed to allocate \$1,135,300 to the County for the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant. This amount reflects 50 percent of the eligible joint allocation amount of \$2,365,208 or \$1,182,604 less approximately 4 percent or \$47,304 for administrative costs incurred by the City.

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<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 3 Integrated Services Delivery: Maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The 2012 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) will fund programs for the County's Fiscal Years 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16. JAG does not require a net County cost match.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

JAG was established by the 109th Congress in 2005 to aid states, tribes, and local governments in creating programs that prevent and control crime within their localities. It was created by merging the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program.

All JAG funded programs must submit yearly Performance Metrics reports and quarterly financial reports to the Chief Executive Office for processing and eventual reporting to the Department of Justice. Performance Metrics reports require detailed statistical information about each program as well as activities planned for the future. Financial reports require detailed itemized listings of expenditures.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the City to jointly accept funds from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2012 JAG program was executed in September 2013. The MOU is required under grant guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the continued funding of programs that reduce crime and increase public safety in our communities.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Sheriff
Auditor-Controller
Community and Senior Services/Human
Relations Commission
Probation
Public Defender
Public Health

Bureau of Justice Assistance Congressionally Mandated Awards 2012 Justice Assistance Grant Budget Narrative

County of Los Angeles
Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative

The County of Los Angeles has participated in the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded specialized crime reduction and public safety improvement programs since 1996, through the former Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. The County plans to continue on a similar path under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) by preserving the programs previously funded under the LLEBG program.

Goals and Objectives:

The overall goal of the County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative is to reduce crime and improve public safety. Personal and community safety is recognized as being one of our most basic needs. The County has been working in a cooperative effort with various justice and law enforcement agencies to target street gangs with the use of search warrants, arrests, and the seizure of firearms and weapons. It is most important for perpetrators of violent gang crimes to be identified, arrested, prosecuted, and convicted in accordance with the law. This is done to protect the public from crime that can ruin the local economy, and have a negative impact on the quality of life for all persons.

Developing specific strategies that target and focus on vertical gang prosecution programs will suppress organized criminal gang behavior and control the impact of gangs on our community. Another component of the County's Initiative, is the management of probationers in order to prevent new crimes. The County's Probation Department administers a variety of services to heighten and promote public safety. County Probation Officers work in a collaborative manner with other law enforcement agencies to prevent and reduce criminal behavior by holding probationers accountable through case management, supervision, and monitoring. Public safety is enhanced when offenders are held accountable and redirected from delinquent and criminal behavior. Strategies to positively impact the behavior of probationers and at-risk youth through early intervention and suppression programs are a key element of Los Angeles County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative.

Law Enforcement Programs:

SAGE – Strategies Against Gang Environments

The Sage program abates street gang violence and narcotic related activities by utilizing civil injunctions and other procedures deemed appropriate by local law enforcement authorities. The program provides collaborative efforts among the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Los Angeles County Sheriff and the City of Los Angeles Police Department to suppress gang activities in targeted areas.

The District Attorney's component of SAGE provides focused vertical prosecutions, tracks criminal proceedings of notorious gang members, and contributes expertise and local resources to facilitate the successful arrest and prosecution of gang members who commit serious and/or violent felonies. Assigned Deputy District Attorney staff assists in the coordination of probation and parole sweeps by providing guidance and training to local officers on legal search and seizure precedents applicable to the target group. The program also works to suppress and abate street gang activity, graffiti, vandalism, narcotic sales and use, and criminal nuisance properties and related problems that lead to the commission of violent and serious gang-related crimes. **Allocated Amount:** \$120,000

Sheriff Altadena Station

JAG funding will be used primarily for the purchase of computer hardware and software, and electronic equipment to support operations at the Sheriff's Altadena Station. Allocated Amount: \$8,951

Sheriff Search & Rescue Unit

Funding will be provided for the purchase of a cargo trailer and various supplies and equipment in support of operations for the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit. **Allocated Amount:** \$10,959

Sheriff Community Law Enforcement Policing Partnership (C.L.E.P.P.)

Funding will be provided for the purchase of neighborhood watch signs for neighborhood safety programs in the unincorporated areas of the 5th District. **Allocated Amount: \$3,620**

Sheriff Palmdale Station

Funding will be provided for the purchase of electronic equipment in support of operations at the Sheriff's Palmdale Station. **Allocated Amount: \$500**

Sheriff Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Bureau

Funding will be provided for the purchase of six on/off road motorcycles with emergency equipment for off highway vehicle enforcement operations in the Antelope Valley. **Allocated Amount: \$45,000**

Sheriff Lancaster Station

Funding will be provided to the Sheriff's Lancaster Station for the provision of security and traffic control at a local airshow event. **Allocated Amount: \$12,156**

Patrol Services-Sheriff

Funding will be provided to Sheriff's stations in unincorporated areas for patrol services. **Allocated Amount: \$30,814**

Prosecution and Court Programs:

Alternative Sentencing Program - Public Defender

The Alternative Sentencing Program enhances the adjudication process of cases involving violent offenders by utilizing paralegals to assist attorneys in securing information for preparation of the penalty phase in capital cases and alternative sentencing reports in cases where there is significant mitigating information to support alternative sentencing. This program presents the Court with a range of sentencing options which offer punishment, control, and accountability, frequently at less cost than jail or prison. This program can reduce unnecessary jail and prison use with a potential for a positive impact upon the management of overcrowded jail facilities. **Allocated Amount: \$211,300**

Drug Court – Public Health

This program provides court-supervised monitoring and drug treatment for selected preand post-sentenced, misdemeanor and felony defendants. The drug court continuum allows for intervention at the onset of drug abuse as well as for more serious offenders to break the most costly cycle of addiction and incarceration. **Allocated Amount:** \$324,000

Prevention and Education Programs:

<u>School-Based Supervision Program - Probation</u>

The School-Based Supervision Program increases school attendance, competencies and performance, and provides access to skills and resources needed by parents to effectively parent their children. This multi-phase program involves the placement of Deputy Probation Officers to high schools and middle schools to assess the strengths

and needs of at-risk youth in the program. Based on those assessments, case planning exercises will be conducted, and the youth will be entered into one or many intervention treatment programs. **Allocated Amount: \$120,000**

Gang Reduction and Community Engagement (GRACE) Project

The GRACE Project is a collaborative effort between Toberman Neighborhood Center and the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations to bring intervention efforts to the Harbor Gateway community. The GRACE Project is working to reduce inter-ethnic tension that leads to violence; reduce gang violence and prevent retaliation violence; expand older teen and young adult resources at local parks and community service agencies; increase public safety; expand prevention and positive youth development resources, and coordinate county services with the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Mental Health for high risk youth and families. **Allocated Amount: \$120,000**

WeTip, Inc.

Founded in 1972, WeTip is an anonymous crime reporting resource for citizens as well as a tool to aid law enforcement. JAG funding will be used for the purchase of marketing supplies such as signage, posters and brochures. **Allocated Amount: \$8,000**

Various Prevention and Education Programs

Reflects anticipated funding for various preventative and education programs within the communities and unincorporated areas of southwest Los Angeles County. **Allocated Amount: \$70,000**

Planning, Evaluation and Technology Improvement

Study for Probation Boarding School Pilot Project

JAG funding will be used to commission a study on the feasibility of establishing a boarding school/residential pilot program within the Probation Department for juveniles recently released from a camp or juvenile hall. **Allocated Amount: \$25,000**

Report on Overall Public Safety within the Second District

JAG funding will be used to commission a report that will provide an assessment of the public safety/criminal justice issues within the cities and communities of southwest Los Angeles County. **Allocated Amount: \$25,000**

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAM BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Alternative Sentencing Program

| Allocation Category | Allocated Amount |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Personnel | |
| Hiring | \$0 |
| Other: Paralegals | \$211,300 |
| Personnel Subtotal | \$0 |
| Travel | \$0 |
| Equipment/Technology | \$0 |
| Supplies | \$0 |
| Contractual | \$0 |
| Other | |
| Grand Total | \$211,300 |

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAM BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Drug Court

| Allocation Category | Allocated Amount |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Personnel | |
| Hiring | \$0 |
| Personnel Subtotal | \$0 |
| Travel | \$0 |
| Equipment/Technology | \$0 |
| Supplies | \$0 |
| Contractual | \$0 |
| Professional Services | \$324,000 |
| Grand Total | \$324,000 |

Program: Sheriff Altadena Station **Allocation Category** Allocated Amount Personnel \$0 Hiring Personnel Subtotal \$0 \$0 Travel Equipment/Technology \$8,951 Supplies \$0 Contractual \$0 \$8,951 **Grand Total**

Program: Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE) **Allocation Category** Allocated Amount Personnel Hiring Other: Attorneys \$120,000 Personnel Subtotal \$0 Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$0 Supplies \$0 \$0 Contractual Other \$0 \$120,000 **Grand Total**

Program: Sheriff Search & Rescue Unit **Allocated Amount Allocation Category** Personnel Hiring \$0 \$0 Other: Personnel Subtotal \$0 Travel \$0 \$0 Equipment/Technology Supplies \$10,959

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\$10,959

Contractual

Grand Total

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM BUDGET REQUEST

Program: School-Based Supervision Program

| Allocation Category | Allocated Amount |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Personnel | |
| Hiring | \$0 |
| Other: Sworn Officers | \$120,000 |
| Personnel Subtotal | \$120,000 |
| Travel | \$0 |
| Equipment/Technology | \$0 |
| Supplies | \$0 |
| Contractual | \$0 |
| Grand Total | \$120,000 |

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Gang Reduction and Community Engagement (GRACE) Project **Allocation Category** Allocated Amount Personnel Hiring \$120,000 Other: Staff \$120,000 Personnel Subtotal Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$0 Supplies \$0 Contractual \$0 \$0 Other \$120,000 **Grand Total**

Sheriff C.L.E.P.P. Program: **Allocation Category** Allocated Amount Personnel Hiring Other: \$0 Personnel Subtotal \$0 Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$0 Supplies \$3,620 Contractual \$0 \$0 Other \$3,620 **Grand Total**

Program: Sheriff Palmdale Station **Allocated Amount Allocation Category** Personnel Hiring \$0 Other: Personnel Subtotal \$0 Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$500 Supplies \$0 Contractual \$0 \$0 Other **Grand Total** \$500

Program: Sheriff COPS Bureau **Allocated Amount Allocation Category** Personnel Hiring Other: \$0 Personnel Subtotal \$0 Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$0 Six on/off road motorcycles \$45,000 Supplies \$0 \$0 Contractual Other \$0 \$45,000 **Grand Total**

Program: Sheriff Lancaster Station **Allocated Amount Allocation Category** Personnel Hiring Other: Sworn Officers \$12,156 Personnel Subtotal \$0 Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$0 Supplies \$0 Contractual \$0 Other \$0 \$12,156 **Grand Total**

Program: Patrol Services - Sheriff **Allocated Amount Allocation Category** Personnel Hiring Other: Overtime \$30,814 Personnel Subtotal \$0 Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$0 Supplies \$0 Contractual \$0 Other \$0 \$30,814 **Grand Total**

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM BUDGET REQUEST

Program: WeTip, Inc. **Allocation Category** Allocated Amount Personnel Hiring Other: \$0 \$0 Personnel Subtotal Travel \$0 Equipment/Technology \$0 Supplies \$8,000 Contractual \$0 \$0 Other \$8,000 **Grand Total**

PLANNING, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT BUDGET REQUEST

| Grand Total | | \$25,000 | |
|---------------|---|------------------|--|
| Other | | \$0 | |
| Contractual | | \$25,000 | |
| Supplies | | \$0 | |
| Equipment/Te | echnology | \$0 | |
| Travel | | \$0 | |
| Personnel Sul | btotal | \$0 | |
| Other: | Staff | \$0 | |
| Hiring | | | |
| Personnel | | | |
| Allocation Ca | ategory | Allocated Amount | |
| Program: | Study for Probation Boarding School Pilot Project | | |

PLANNING, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Report on Overall Public Safety within the Second Supervisorial District

| Allocation Category | Allocated Amount |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Personnel | |
| Hiring | |
| Other: Staff | \$0 |
| Personnel Subtotal | \$0 |
| Travel | \$0 |
| Equipment/Technology | \$0 |
| Supplies | \$0 |
| Contractual | \$25,000 |
| Other | \$0 |
| Grand Total | \$25,000 |

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Various Prevention and Education Programs

| Allocation Category | Allocated Amount |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Personnel | |
| Hiring | |
| Other: Staff | \$0 |
| Personnel Subtotal | \$0 |
| Travel | \$0 |
| Equipment/Technology | \$0 |
| Supplies | \$0 |
| Contractual | \$0 |
| Other | \$70,000 |
| Grand Total | \$70,000 |